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Re: U.S. Patent No. 4,855,290
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Dear Ms. Tyson:

We have not received indication concerning disposition of the petition for patent term extension. In the event any communications have issued, please advise.



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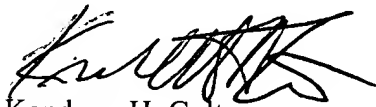
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We thank you in advance for your cooperation and kind assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

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